

## RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

## LEGISLATURE OF VIRGINIA,

CONCERNING

*Revolutionary and other claims of that State on the Government of the United States.*

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MARCH 21, 1860.—Ordered to lie on the table, and be printed.

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RESOLUTIONS concerning revolutionary and other claims on the government of the United States.

1. *Resolved by the general assembly*, That Virginia having ceded to the confederation, at a time of imminent public peril, during the war of independence, a vast domain of her own, covering now the area of five large and prosperous States; and the cession of said domain having been accompanied with the condition, that out of the fund ceded, a reservation should be made, sufficient to meet all the land bounty engagements of Virginia, to her officers and soldiers of the revolution; and the Continental Congress having accepted such cession, with the condition and charge aforesaid annexed, Congress ought now, in a spirit of the utmost liberality, to recognize and satisfy every warrant issued by Virginia for service in the revolution, unless the same be tainted with fraud, and ought, on principle, as well as on considerations of international courtesy, in adjudicating claims founded on such warrants, to recognize and adopt, as binding on the Federal Government, all decisions of the constituted authorities of Virginia, regularly and fairly made.

2. *Resolved*, That all Virginia land bounty warrants issued for military service in the revolution, allowed by the constituted authorities of Virginia, at any time prior to the 1st day of March, 1852, and issued in pursuance of the uniform practice and usage in Virginia, ought, whether issued before or since the day last aforesaid, to be promptly satisfied and paid by Congress; and that our senators in Congress be instructed, and our representatives requested, to use their best efforts to procure the passage of an act so modifying the scrip act of August 31, 1852, as to require the Secretary of the Interior to satisfy in scrip all such warrants allowed at any time prior to March 1, 1852, and regularly issued by the proper authorities of Virginia, and coming within the principles already settled by the Department of the Interior

in the execution of the said act, whether the said warrants were issued before or since the 1st of March, 1852.

3. *Resolved*, That Thomas Green and John A. Parker be, and are hereby, continued as agents of the State, to recover from the government of the United States all interest, arrears of interest, or other moneys due from the said government to the Commonwealth of Virginia, on account of advances made by the said Commonwealth for the government of the United States; and that upon the recovery of said claims, it shall be the duty of said agents to obtain payment of the same by a draft from the United States government in favor of the auditor of public accounts of this Commonwealth, if the same shall be paid in money; but if in United States stock, or bonds, the same to be transmitted to said auditor; and the said auditor is hereby directed to pay to the said agents three per cent. commission on such amount as may be by them recovered.

4. *Resolved*, That the governor of this Commonwealth be requested to have transmitted to each of our senators and representatives in Congress a copy of this report and accompanying resolutions.

Agreed to by the house of delegates, March 2, 1860.

WM. F. GORDON, JR., *C. H. D.*

Agreed to by senate, March 13, 1860.

SHELTON C. DAVIS, *C. S.*